

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 14, 19-23, 29-41, 48 and 49 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 52-80 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-51 (Cancelled).

Claim 52 (New). An isolated subtilase having an amino acid sequence which has at least 97% identity with the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 to 269 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 53 (New). A subtilase of claim 52 having an amino acid sequence which has at least 98% identity with the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 to 269 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 54 (New). A subtilase of claim 53 having an amino acid sequence which has at least 99% identity with the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 to 269 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 55 (New). A subtilase of claim 52, where the subtilase - when tested in the "Ovo-inhibition Assay" - has a residual activity of at least 15%.

Claim 56 (New). A subtilase of claim 55, where the subtilase has a residual activity of at least 20%.

Claim 57 (New). A subtilase of claim 56, where the subtilase has a residual activity of at least 25%.

Claim 58 (New). A subtilase of claim 57, where the subtilase has a residual activity of at least 30%.

Claim 59 (New). A subtilase of claim 58, where the subtilase has a residual activity of at least 35%.

Claim 60 (New). A cleaning or detergent composition, comprising a subtilase of claim 52 and a surfactant.

Claim 61 (New). A composition of claim 60, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase, cutinase, lipase, oxidoreductase, another protease, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 62 (New). A method for cleaning or washing a hard surface or laundry, comprising contacting the hard surface or the laundry with a composition of claim 60.

Claim 63 (New). A method for removal of egg stains from a hard surface or from laundry, comprising contacting the egg stain-containing hard surface or the egg stain-containing laundry with a composition of claim 60.

Claim 64 (New). An isolated subtilase, which comprises the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 to 269 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 65 (New). A subtilase of claim 59, which consists of the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 to 269 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 66 (New). A cleaning or detergent composition, comprising the subtilase of claim 64 and a surfactant.

Claim 67 (New). A composition of claim 66, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase, cutinase, lipase, oxidoreductase, another protease, or mixture thereof.

Claim 68 (New). A cleaning or detergent composition, comprising the subtilase of claim 65 and a surfactant.

Claim 69 (New). A composition of claim 68, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase, cutinase, lipase, oxidoreductase, another protease, or mixture thereof.

Claim 70 (New). A method for cleaning or washing a hard surface or laundry, comprising contacting the hard surface or the laundry with the composition of claim 66.

Claim 71 (New). A method for removal of egg stains from a hard surface or from laundry, comprising contacting the egg stain-containing hard surface or the egg stain-containing laundry with the composition of claim 66.

Claim 72 (New). A method for cleaning or washing a hard surface or laundry, comprising contacting the hard surface or the laundry with the composition of claim 68.

Claim 73 (New). A method for removal of egg stains from a hard surface or from laundry, comprising contacting the egg stain-containing hard surface or the egg stain-containing laundry with the composition of claim 68.

Claim 74 (New). A modified subtilase comprising a mutation of the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 to 269 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the mutation comprises a substitution, deletion, and/or insertion at one of the positions 27, 36, 56, 78, 87, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 103, 104, 120, 123, 129, 131, 132, 133, 143, 159, 167, 170, 192, 194, 206, 217, 218, 222, 224, 232, 235, 236, 245, 248, 252 and 274, wherein the modified subtilase has subtilase activity and each position corresponds to a position in the amino acid sequence of the mature subtilisin BPN' set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9.

Claim 75 (New). A modified subtilase of claim 74, wherein the mutation comprises at least one modification selected from the group consisting of K27R, *36D, T56P, N76D, N87S, A97N, A98AT, A98AS, N99ND, N99NR, N99A, N99T, R101G, P103A, V104A, V104I, V104N, V104Y, D120H, N123S, P129K, P131H, A133P, A133D, A133E, T143K, *159D, *159E, Y167X, Y167A, R170X, R170S, A194P, Q206E, F217R, N218S, M222S, M222A, T224S, A232V, K235L, Q236H, Q245R, N248D, N252K and T274A.

Claim 76 (New). A subtilase of claim 74, wherein the mutation comprises V104N+R101G, K27R+V104Y+N123S+T274A, N76D+V104A, R101G+P103A+V104I+*159D+A232V+Q236H+Q245R+N248D+N252K; or any other combination of the modifications K27R, N76D, R101G, P103A, V104I, V104A, V104N, V104Y, N123S, *159D, A232V, Q236H, Q245R, N248D, N252K and T274A.

Claim 77 (New). A cleaning or detergent composition, comprising the subtilase of claim 74 and a surfactant.

Claim 78 (New). A composition of claim 77, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase, cutinase, lipase, oxidoreductase, another protease, or mixture thereof.

Claim 79 (New). A method for cleaning or washing a hard surface or laundry, comprising contacting the hard surface or the laundry with the composition of claim 77.

Claim 80 (New). A method for removal of egg stains from a hard surface or from laundry, comprising contacting the egg stain-containing hard surface or the egg stain-containing laundry with the composition of claim 77.